The Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service, but I'm sure no one else does either! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair! My husband and I rely mostly on e-mail messages to our family, which is scattered across the United States, mostly due to recently retiring from their long careers in the military.

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience and only turn it on when I need to use it - I don't use it for incoming calls, except in unusual situations. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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